examined in FICC with a view to take decision on reassessment of capacity and consequent follow up action.

Disinvestment in Hill in Kerala

1685. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a letter from Minister for Industries and Social Welfare; Kerala, requesting to drop the attempt to disinvest Hindustan Insecticides Ltd. in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government of Kerala has represented that Hindustan Insecticides Limited has rendered useful service as a manufacture of anti-Malaria chemicals and pesticides for the agricultural sector. A view has been expressed that disinvestment in this company would be against the interests of the employees and may hamper India's efforts to tackle problems in the health and agriculture sectors. In reply the Government of Kerala has already been informed that disinvestment does not mean closure and hence would not automatically lead to unemployment.

Recovery from rice Mills

†1686. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minsiter of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) The percentage of recovery fixed for rice mills in different parts of the country, State-wise; and

(b) the reasons for fixing 67-68 per cent recovery for Madhya Pradesh?

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